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## **PIPELINES:**

### **Plans filed for \$2B Ohio gas line**

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Midstream company NEXUS Gas Transmission has formally applied to build a \$2 billion pipeline to bring natural gas from Ohio's shale fields to Ontario, according to federal filings.

NEXUS, a joint venture between Houston-based Spectra Energy Corp. and DTE Energy Co. in Detroit, is proposing to move 1.5 billion cubic feet of gas daily through a 255-mile, 36-inch pipeline that would cross northern Ohio and Michigan.

Company spokesman Arthur Diestel said electric utilities are under "significant pressure" to switch to natural-gas-fired power generation, and NEXUS told regulators last month that it has already secured commitments for more than half the pipeline's capacity.

A separate pipeline proposal would seek to transport an additional 3.25 billion cubic feet of gas per day from the Marcellus and Utica shale fields in Ohio. That competing project, Energy Transfer Partners' ET Rover line, is also awaiting approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Critics of the projects wonder whether so much take-away capacity is needed for the region, and several residents along the pipelines' routes have promised to push back against their development.

"They need to realize we're not going to roll over and play dead," said Paul Gierosky, whose neighbor's property is in the proposed path of the NEXUS line. "We're going to fight them tooth and nail for every inch" (Mark Gillispie, *AP/Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 14). -- BS

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